

SHARING WATER WITH WILDLIFE



Great Crested Grebe

Northern Ireland wetlands are suffering every year from our increasing demand for tap water.

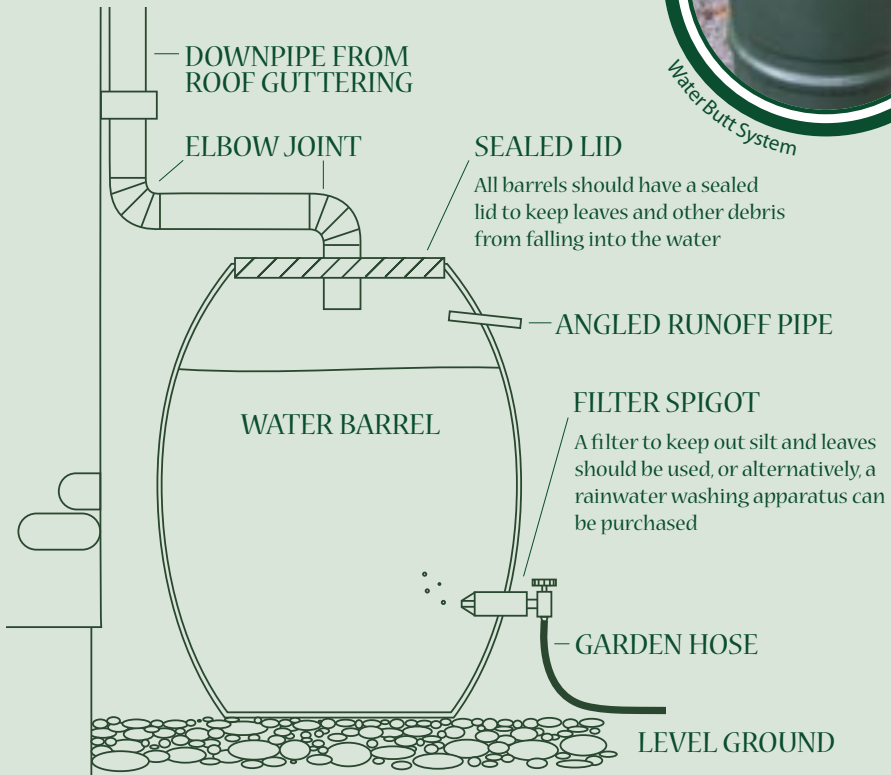
Excessive watering of our gardens in the dry summer months puts pressure on our water sources.

Harvest Water with Water Butts

Collecting rainwater not only benefits wetlands but also the health of your garden. Rain is a naturally soft water, which means it does not have any minerals, chlorine, fluoride, or other chemicals in it that may be present in your tap water. It is usually collected from the roofs of houses and picks up very little contamination when it falls. You can collect a large amount of rainwater from your gutters with one or more water butts. This rainwater can be used for watering your plants or topping up your pond.



WATER BUTT SYSTEMS



A Partnership between...

- Environment and Heritage Service (DOE)
- Friends of the Earth
- Northern Ireland Environment Link
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- The National Trust
- Ulster Angling Federation
- Ulster Wildlife Trust
- Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust
- WWF Northern Ireland

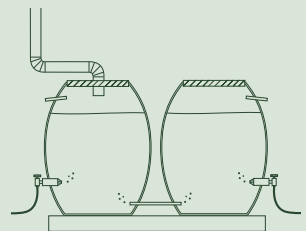


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MORE THAN ONE BARREL



For further information on rainwater harvesting, check out the following websites;
www.rainharvesting.co.uk www.knowledgehound.com/topics/watercon.htm
or contact your local garden centre.

For WWD (World Wetlands Day) information visit www.ehsni.gov.uk